


and Earth School Smarts Planner



Psst...
You can recycle or
reuse  every
piece of this planner!





Be Green!



Belongs to:

Name

Grade..... School

Home address

Phone

Cell phone

E-mail

Important Info

Mom's work/cell phone.....

E-mail.....

Dad's work/cell phone

E-mail

In case of emergency, call:.....

Gear Up for a Green School Year

Before you hit back-to-school sales, look at what you've got and what you really need.

Sort Your Stuff

Go through last year's school supplies to find things that are still in good shape. Pull out rulers, scissors, and pens to use again this year. Can you reuse your backpack, too?



Shop Smart

Buy new supplies that . . .

- are made from recycled materials, such as notebook paper and sketchpads made with at least 30 percent post-consumer waste. ♻️
- you can reuse. Try rechargeable batteries.
- you can refill. Choose a binder instead of a spiral-bound notebook, and a refillable pen instead of disposable ones.
- aren't packaged in lots of plastic.



♻️ *Post-consumer waste* is paper that people used and recycled. Buying products made from post-consumer waste saves the extra energy it takes to make paper from scratch.

Pack a Waste-Free Lunch

Instead of	Use
paper bags	lunch box or nylon lunch bag
plastic bags	containers with lids
juice boxes	thermos or refillable water bottle
paper napkins	cloth napkin
plastic silverware	real silverware



Get-It-Right Guide

Period

To complete a statement or thought:

We planted a butterfly garden.

For initials or abbreviations:

D.J. rakes leaves for Mr. Green.

As a decimal point:

They bike 2.2 miles to school.

Capitalization

First word in a sentence:

Let's go!

Names of people, cities, and states:

I'm taking the bus to Chicago with Mom.

Days, months, and holidays:

I hope Earth Day falls on a Saturday.

Important words in a title:

Let's call this story "A Panda Party."



Quotation Marks

To show dialogue:

"Jenna," said her sister, "don't forget to turn off the lights."

Commas and periods go inside the quotation marks.

For titles of songs, poems, or chapters in a book:

We need to read the "Wind Power" chapter for tomorrow.

Comma

To keep words in a series from crashing into one another:

I recycle glass, cans, and plastic.

Between two clauses or to indicate a pause:

If you try, you can make a difference.

Before or after dialogue, or words that are spoken:

She asked, "Do you want to ride together?"

"Sure," I replied.

Between dates and in large numbers:

April 22, 2010

28,000

Italics

Book titles:

Have you read *Julie and the Eagles*?

Magazine or newspaper names:

The all-animal issue of *American Girl* came in the mail today.

Movie or TV show titles:

I saw *March of the Penguins* last night.

If you're writing by hand, underline the words you would italicize.

Exclamation Point

To express feeling or show emphasis:

Hey!

Hurry up!

Show the Earth some love!

(Don't use too many in a row, or they won't pack as much punch.)

Question Mark

To beg an answer:

Do you want to borrow my CD?

To show doubt:

You don't need a bag, do you?



Apostrophe

To show ownership:

Emily's old toys went to charity.

The students' green club was a success.

In contractions to show where letters are left out:

We'd better start now, or it'll be too late.

Sample Bibliography

Follow these examples to let your teacher know where you got all that great info for your paper!

Format tips:

- List sources in alphabetical order.
- Begin the first line of each entry at the left margin, and then indent any extra lines.

Book with One Author

Anton, Carrie. *Green Girl Crafts*. Middleton, WI: American Girl Publishing, 2009.

Book with More than One Author

David, Laurie, and Gordon, Cambria. *The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming*. New York: Scholastic, 2007.

Magazine Article

Liu, Daphne. "Celebrate Earth." *National Geographic Explorer* (April 2008): 8–11.

Encyclopedia Article: Print and CD-ROM

"The Importance of Forests." *Columbia Encyclopedia*. 2007 edition.

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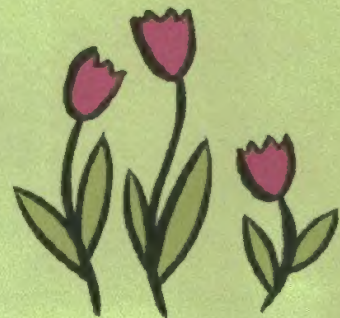
Arctic Tale. National Geographic, 2007.

Interview

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Web Site

"Where Does Beach Pollution Come From?" Online. EPA Student Center [http://www.epa.gov/students]. Accessed June 19, 2009.



Get-It-Right Guide



U.S. State Capitals



Class Schedule

A vertical strip of film with 24 sprocket holes, showing a blank, aged, light brown surface.

Class Schedule



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6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
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12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Measurements & Equivalents

1 foot (ft) = 12 inches

1 yard (yd) = 3 ft = 36 inches

1 mile (mi) = 1,760 yds = 5,280 ft

1 tablespoon (T) = 3 teaspoons (t)

1 cup (c) = 16 T = 8 ounces (oz)

1 pint (pt) = 2 c

1 quart (qt) = 2 pt = 4 c = 32 oz

1 gallon (gal) = 4 qt



New School-Year's Resolutions

This year, I will...

- reduce the amount of trash I create.
- reuse things before I get rid of them.
- recycle things that can't reuse.

Signed,

(Name)

(Date)



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The earth can't keep up with all the trash we throw away. Landfills are filling up, and it's hard to build new ones because communities don't want them. Would you want a landfill in your own backyard? Think about that before you toss out trash. Recycle whatever you can.



This Week: Make a Pitch for Recycling

Tape this sign to a bin, bag, or box used for recycling.



PITCH IN
to protect our planet!

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What can you recycle in your town? Ask your parents, or call the local recycling center to find out. Then set up a recycling center at home. Label a bin, paper bags, or cardboard boxes for those recyclables, such as “glass,” “cans,” “plastic,” and “paper.” Set the containers where your family can see and use them.

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Recycling cuts down on trash and saves energy. It takes less energy to make cans and bottles from recycled materials than from scratch. Collect soda cans and water bottles, even when you're away from home. Can't find a recycling bin at a sports event or slumber party? Grab a paper bag and make one of your own.



This Week: Label It

Reuse glass jars instead of putting them into the recycling bin. Tape on a pretty label, and put that jar to good use.

Pens &
Pencils



Flowers for
You



Buttons &
Beads



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Running out for fast food creates a lot of trash fast. You can't recycle food-stained napkins and wrappers, and many plastic cups and straws can't be recycled either. But you can try to use fewer of them. Instead of grabbing a big handful at the counter, take only what you need.

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Ducks and other birds get trapped in the plastic rings that are used to hold together six-packs of soda and water. Ask your parents to help you cut apart the rings before throwing them in the trash. Better yet, look for beverages that aren't packaged in them.

Keep my wings
safe from
plastic rings.



for clean water and beaches.



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What looks like a plastic bag to you might look like food to a whale or a dolphin, and eating that plastic can be dangerous. Keep plastic bags off beaches and away from rivers and streams. Start by saying “no” to plastic bags in checkout lines. Tuck your purchases into a reusable tote bag or your backpack instead.

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We still get most of our power from oil, coal, and natural gas. But solar power and wind power pollute less and won't run out. To soak up some solar power, open your drapes or shades during the day and let the sunshine warm your room. Close them at night to keep warm air in. In the summer, do the reverse.





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Instead of bagging up your leaves, ask your parents if you can build a *compost pile*, a mixture of leaves, grass, and food scraps—everything but meat and dairy. In a compost pile, food breaks down to create a rich soil. You can use the compost in your garden or for potted plants outdoors.

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Regular lightbulbs, called *incandescents*, create light and heat. Since we don't rely on lightbulbs for heat, that's wasted energy. A *compact fluorescent* is a better bulb. It uses one-fourth of the energy and lasts 8 to 12 times longer. As bulbs burn out in your house, ask if you can replace them with compact fluorescents.



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TVs, DVD players, computers, and other appliances use electricity even when they're turned off. How can you tell? When your room is dark, count all the little red and green lights. Stop the power drain by unplugging appliances, or plug them into a power strip and flip the switch to "off."

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Your *carbon footprint* has nothing to do with your shoe size. It's the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air by the everyday things you do, such as getting a ride to school. Carbon dioxide pollutes air in a big way, so keep your footprint small. Carpool with friends whenever you can.



This Week: Start a Carpool Club

Do you have neighbors with whom you can share rides to and from school? Or kids on your sports team who could ride with you to practice? Jot down their names and phone numbers, and keep the list by the phone. Try to carpool at least once a week.



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Don't keep your parents waiting when they're picking you up from school or sports. Or ask them to turn off the car engine if they're waiting longer than 30 seconds. Even when the car is parked, a running engine burns a lot of fuel.

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One tree can soak up the carbon dioxide released by a car that's been driven 4,000 miles. That means trees are one of our best partners in the fight against pollution. So why are we cutting so many down? Save trees—cut down on the amount of paper you use instead.



This Week: See Both Sides

Decorate a cardboard box to store homework, drawings, and other papers that have been used on only one side. Flip them over and use the other side before recycling the paper. Need a reminder? Tape this label to the box.

Save
a
Tree



(Flip me over and use both sides.)

Save
paper



(There are two sides to every page.)

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Ask if your class can brainstorm ways to save paper. Can you revise reports onscreen in the computer lab instead of printing out a bunch of copies? Can you keep a bin full of paper that's been used on just one side? Can you hold a contest to see which class can collect the most magazines or newspapers for recycling?

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Is your family looking for holiday gift ideas for you? Instead of asking for lots of little things, think of one big thing that you'll use for a long time. Or ask your family to give part of the money they would spend on you to a charity that protects animals or the earth. That way you'll be getting a gift and giving one, too.



This Week: Give Green Gifts

The best gifts don't cost a thing—to you or to the earth. Present these coupons to your parents.

Unplugged



This coupon is good for one hour of fun that doesn't require electricity or batteries. I promise to put down my cell phone, video games, and computer mouse to focus only on YOU.

from



Clean & Sort

This coupon is good for one clean bedroom. I'll even sort my clothes and other stuff to find donations for a charity.

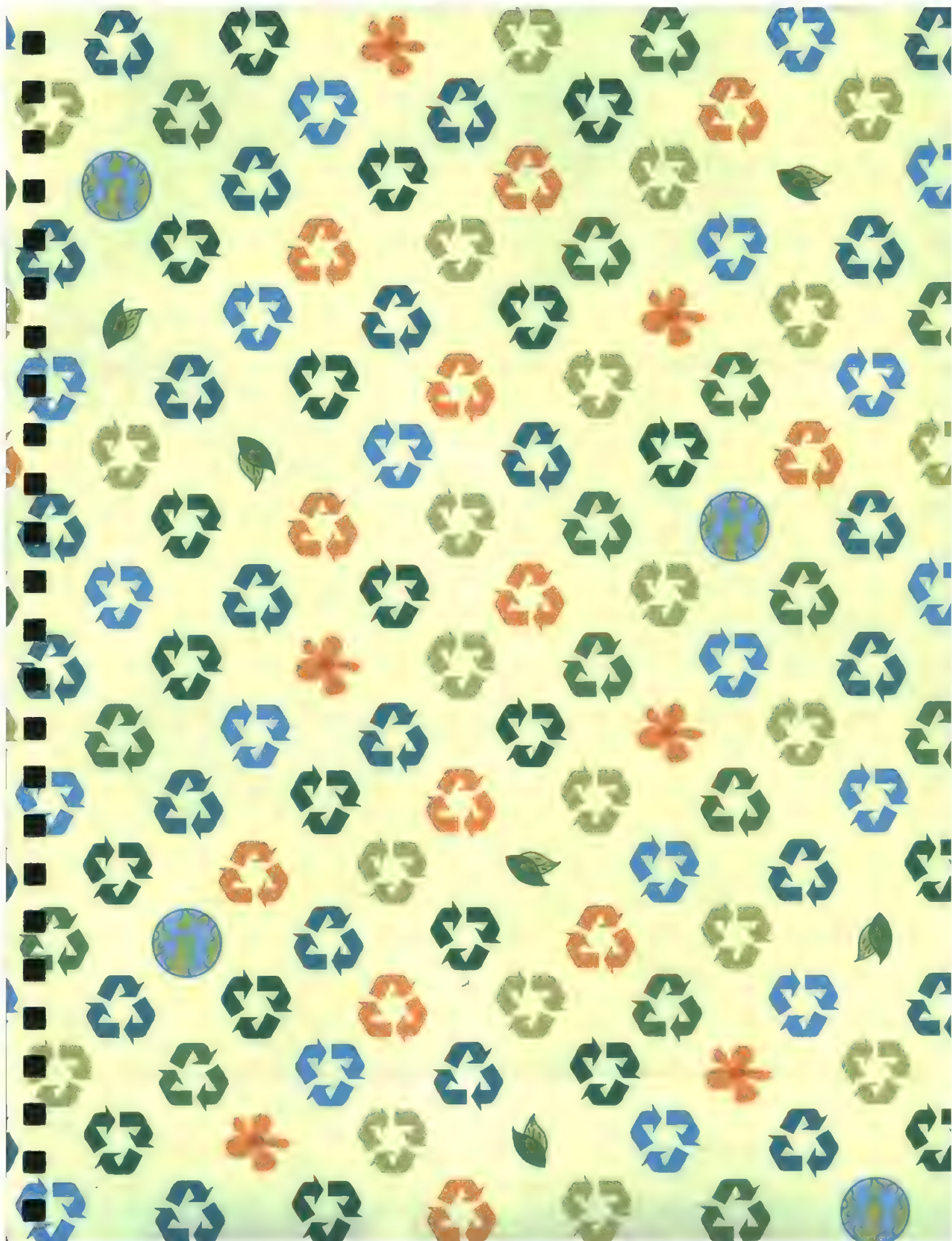
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In the Neighborhood



This coupon is good for one car-free day. I promise not to ask to go anywhere that we can't walk, bike, or bus to in 15 minutes.

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It takes about 1,000 years for a plastic bag to break down. And using paper grocery bags takes a toll on trees. Give your parents a better choice. Decorate a cloth grocery bag or tote bag with fabric markers. When the clerk asks, "Paper or plastic?" your mom or dad can say, "Neither. I brought my own."

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In many communities, wrapping paper can't be recycled. Instead of using wrapping paper, tuck gifts into gift bags that can be reused. Or wrap gifts with paper that you know you can recycle, such as newspaper comics or old artwork.



This Week: Give (More) Green Gifts!

Instead of buying more things, share your own—or share your time.
Present these coupons to siblings and friends.

What's Mine Is Yours



Do I have something you want to borrow? This coupon is good for the loan of something I own. Please return it by _____. Thanks!

from



Sharing the Load

Need help with chores? This coupon is good for 30 minutes of my time. Put me to work!

from

Back to Board Games



This coupon is good for an hour spent playing a fun board game. You get to pick the game—and go first.

from





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Send a friend an e-card. Visit the “Fun for Girls” link at americangirl.com, or head to your favorite e-card site. You’ll save the paper used to make the card and the envelope, plus the postage it takes to mail them.

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Global warming is the rise in the earth's temperature caused partly by air pollution. As the earth gets warmer, Arctic ice melts. That's especially bad news for polar bears and penguins. Polar bears need sheets of ice to hunt from, and penguins build nests and raise their chicks on that ice.



We can't bear
global warming.



Hug a Penguin.

Fight global warming.



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How can you help your friends in the Arctic? Do your part to cut down on carbon dioxide in the air. Walk or ride your bike instead of taking the car. Ask your parents to help you check out the bus schedule in your area. And remember to carpool whenever you can.

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Your clothes will last longer if you wash them less often. Don't automatically throw them into the hamper when you undress. Check to see if they're clean—especially jeans. If they are, wear them again. You'll save water and energy, plus wear and tear on your clothes.



This Week: Hang It Back Up

Hang this reminder near your hamper or laundry basket.



Stop!

Clothes still clean?

Wear them again.

(You'll save water, energy,
AND your clothes.)



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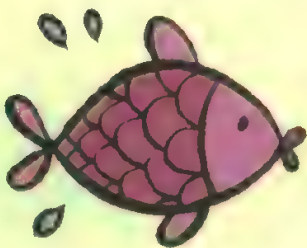
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Is it your turn to load the dishwasher? Make sure it's full before you start it up. If it's not, ask your parents if you can wait until after the next meal. You'll save water and energy if you run the dishwasher only when it's full.

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About a third of the waste we throw away is paper. That's sad, because most paper is recyclable. Call your local recycling center to find out what they'll pick up. And look for ways to reuse paper before tossing it into the recycling bin.



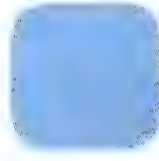
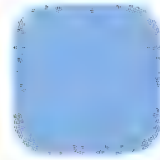
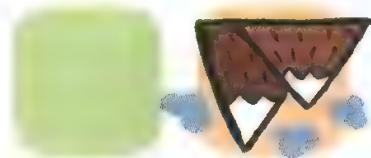
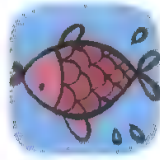
This Week: List It

Check off the kinds of paper that you can recycle in your area, and hang this list near your recycling bin.

Don't Toss—Recycle!

- ☐ newspapers
- ☐ magazines and catalogues
- ☐ homework
- ☐ office paper
- ☐ junk mail (envelopes, too!)
- ☐ phone books
- ☐ calendars
- ☐ cereal boxes (and other clean food boxes)
- ☐ paper grocery bags





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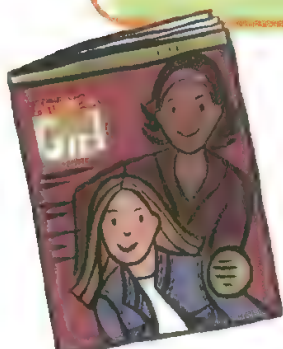
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Before you recycle a catalogue or magazine, check with a friend to see if she wants to read it. Does she have a subscription to a magazine that you like? If so, swap issues.

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Pound for pound, containers and packages make up about a third of what you'll find in a landfill. That's all the cans, bottles, bags, boxes, and wrappers used to hold the food you eat and the products you buy. The next time you're searching for something on the store shelf, choose the product with the least packaging.



This Week: Speak Up

Do you think a company should change its packaging? Write to the company and say so. Look for the address on the package, and send a postcard asking for the change.

Dear _____,
(company name)

You make a great product. I love your _____.
(product name)
But do you know what would make it even better? Less packaging—or packaging that I can recycle. Thank you for helping me cut down on waste and clean up our planet.

Sincerely,



Dear _____,
(company name)

You make a great product. I love your _____.
(product name)
But do you know what would make it even better? Less packaging—or packaging that I can recycle. Thank you for helping me cut down on waste and clean up our planet.

Sincerely,



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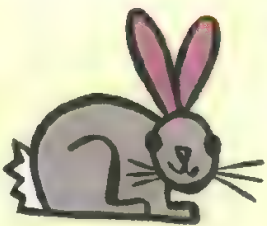
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The next time you host a party, cut down on wrappers and containers. Go shopping with your parents, and look for big bags of snacks instead of individually wrapped ones. Choose a big bottle of juice or soda instead of juice boxes and cans. You'll create a lot less waste and probably save your parents money, too.

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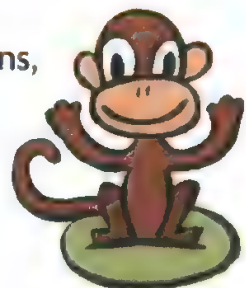
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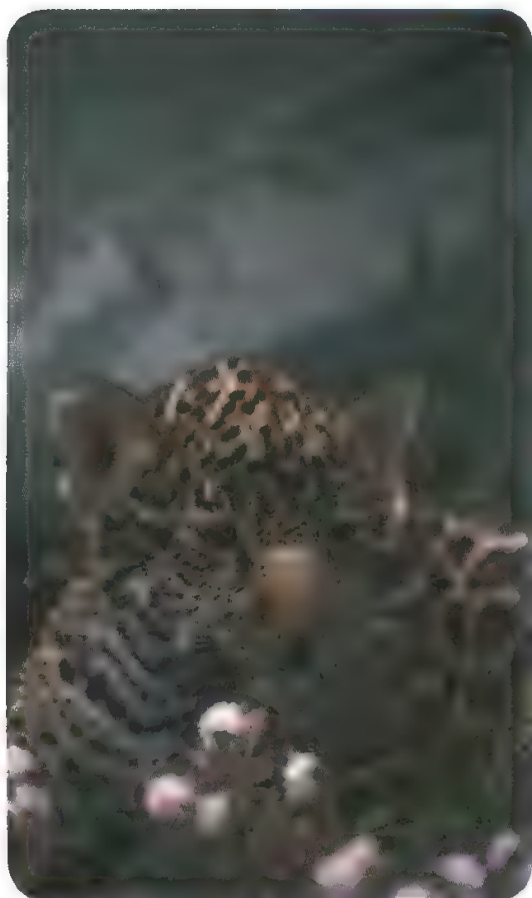
Rain forests are home to jaguars, sloths, monkeys, parrots, toucans, and many other animals we know and love. But rain forests are being cut down and burned to make way for farmland. That means these animals are in danger of losing their homes.



This Week: Save Your Place—and Theirs

What can you do to help animal friends in the rain forest? Read more about them, and follow the tips on the back of these bookmarks.

Save
My
spot(s).



Don't
Leave Me
hanging...

Endangered: The Three-Toed Sloth

Sloths are the s-l-o-w-e-s-t moving mammal. They spend most of their time hanging upside down in trees. That's where they eat and sleep—up to 20 hours a day! But those rain-forest trees are being cleared to make way for farmland. How can you help save the sloth?

- Learn more. Check out books at the library, or research sloths for your next school report.
- Spread the word. Share what you learn with friends and classmates.
- Ask your parents if you can "adopt" a sloth or other rain-forest animal at your local zoo or through the World Wildlife Fund.

Endangered: The Jaguar

The jaguar is the largest cat in North and South America. What else sets jaguars apart from other cats? Jaguars love to swim and play in the water. Unfortunately, jaguars are losing their homes as rain forests are cleared to make way for farmland. How can you help?

- Learn more. Check out books at the library, or research jaguars for your next school report.
- Spread the word. Share what you learn with friends and classmates.
- Ask your parents if you can "adopt" a jaguar or other rain-forest animal at your local zoo or through the World Wildlife Fund.

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Most people use about 100 gallons of water a day. Multiply that by the number of people in your family to find out how much water is used in your home every day. Surprised? You can lower that amount in a big way by following the steps on the next few pages.



This Week: Turn It Off

You can save water by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth. Tape these signs to the bathroom mirrors to remind yourself and your family.

Time to brush?
Don't let the
water gush.
Turn it off!



Protect your teeth—
and the planet.
Turn off the water
while you brush.



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Thirsty? Think before you fill that glass. Running the kitchen faucet while you wait for the water to get cold wastes clean water. Instead, fill a pitcher with room-temperature water and cool it in the refrigerator.

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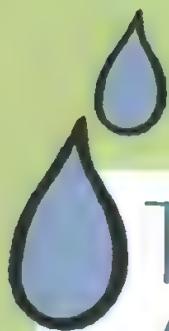
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A bath uses more water than a short shower. Take the test. Close the drain in the tub so that the water can't escape while you shower. When you're done, use a bath crayon to mark the level of water in the tub before you drain it. Compare that mark to how high you fill the tub when you take a bath.



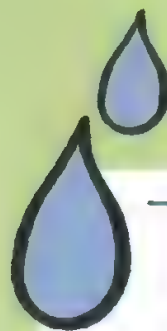
This Week: Take the Gallon Challenge

Lots of clean water is wasted in the bathroom. Hang these signs on bathroom doorknobs to remind your family to conserve water. A family of four could easily save 100 gallons a day!



The Gallon Challenge

1. Take a 5-minute shower instead of a full bath. (Save up to 60 gallons of water.)
2. Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. (Save about 2 gallons of water per minute.)
3. Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket for tissues. (Save up to 7 gallons of water per flush.)
4. Fix a leaky toilet. (Save up to 200 gallons of water a day.)
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Ask your parents if you can try the leaky toilet test. Add a drop of food coloring to the water in the toilet tank, and then wait 15 minutes. Does the water in the toilet bowl change color, too? If so, it's time to call the plumber.

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As the earth gets warmer, some species of frogs and butterflies can't adapt fast enough. The year 2008 was called the "Year of the Frog" to teach people about this danger and to find ways to protect frogs and other amphibians. And it was also a *leap* year, which made it really frog-friendly!



Don't frog-get about me!



Flower Power!



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Ask your parents if you can plant a “butterfly garden” full of colorful flowers that make lots of nectar. Try marigolds, zinnias, and goldenrod in a sunny, sheltered spot. You’ll protect butterflies by giving them a safe place to rest and feed.

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Some of the things that can be recycled may surprise you. Ask local shoe stores if they participate in Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe Program. Drop off old eyeglasses at a Lions Club chapter near you. Do you have an old cell phone or computer monitor? Search online for a drop-off site, or ask about one at an electronics store.



This Week: Shop Smart

Before you buy something new, ask yourself these questions. Tear out one card for your wallet, and give the others to friends.

Before you buy,
ask yourself...

- Do I already have something like this?
- Can I reuse or fix up my old one?
- Can I rent one, borrow one, or share one with a friend?
- Is this made to last a long time?
- When I'm done with it, can I reuse or recycle what's left?
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Visit a secondhand store with a friend, and see how much it would cost each of you to put together a complete outfit. When you get home, flip through sales flyers to find out how much similar outfits would cost you brand-new. How much could you save by shopping secondhand?

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Read the fine print on fruit and vegetable labels in your kitchen. Are you eating grapes from South America? Lettuce from another state? Transporting food long distances uses lots of energy. Shipping also takes time, so the food may not be as fresh as food grown in your area.



This Week: Grow Your Own

The freshest foods come from your own backyard. Don't have room for a garden? Plant cherry tomatoes, beans, or snap peas in pots. Shop for seeds or small plants, and pot them with an adult's help. Then slide these signs onto wooden craft sticks, and press them into the soil to remind yourself what you planted in each pot.



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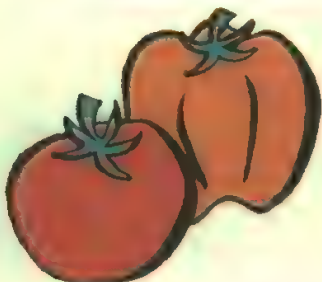
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Organic foods are grown without artificial pesticides and fertilizers. Organic foods are healthier for the planet and for you. Lots of people think they taste better, too. What do you think? Ask your parents if you can try at least one organic fruit or vegetable this week.

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Is your family taking a vacation this summer? Think about close-to-home vacations that won't require long trips in the car. Can you camp in a state park? Take the train or bus to a nearby city? Your family will save money and travel time, and you'll be giving the earth a break, too.



This Week: Frame Some Fun

Tape a vacation photo behind this mat, and then slide the mat into a 5-by-7-inch picture frame.

Taking it easy...



...on the earth.







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People are looking for ways to make cars more earth-friendly. *Hybrid* cars have battery-powered motors that do part of the work, so they use less gasoline. And there are fuels that create less pollution, such as *biodiesel* fuels made from alcohol and vegetable oil. There are even cars that run on vegetable oil alone!



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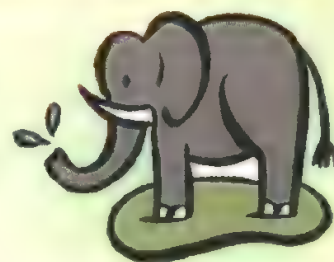
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Most people want the earth to be safe and clean. They just don't know how to help. Show them how by sharing what you've learned. If just one of your friends follows your lead, you'll be doing TWICE as much to protect the planet.



This Week: Start a Green Club

Think of a few friends who care about the environment as much as you do. Call a club meeting, and make plans to cut down on trash and pollution in your neighborhood.

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Invite your parents, siblings, and friends to take a hike through your neighborhood, picking up trash along the way. Wear comfy shoes and gloves, and carry two bags—one for trash and one for recyclables. Take turns carrying the recyclables. That'll be the heavy bag!

Green Goals

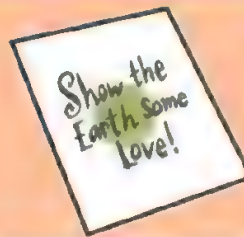
Invite your friends to have some earth-friendly fun this summer.



Have a picnic in the park. Don't leave trash behind, and pick up any that you see.

☐ Did it!

Make a few "Save the Earth" posters to hang around town. (Be sure to ask first!)



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Have a book, game, or CD swap.

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Have a green slumber party, full of fun and games that don't require electricity or batteries.



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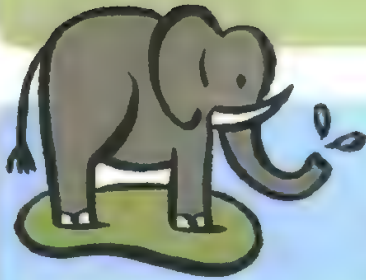


Make a list of all the magazines you receive, and take turns sharing them.

☐ Did it!

Plan a neighborhood yard sale ...

☐ Did it!



... and donate the money you raise to an earth- or animal-friendly charity.

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Plant a tree or a garden.



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Go shopping together at a secondhand store.

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Dates to Remember

Don't forget these birthdays, anniversaries, and other special days.

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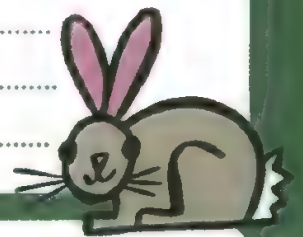
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That way, you can keep on sharing—and caring for your
things and others'.

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Recycle This Planner

The school year has come to an end. You've torn out the posters, bookmarks, and other earth-friendly reminders. Now what? Tear out the rest of your planner pages and recycle them. Better yet, reuse them.

- Cut out cute pictures and words to make a collage card for a friend.

- Tear the pages into strips and make papier maché.

- Shred the pages to line a pet's cage.

- Crumple up the pages to use as padding in a box you ship.

- Cut the pages into strips and loop them to make paper chains.

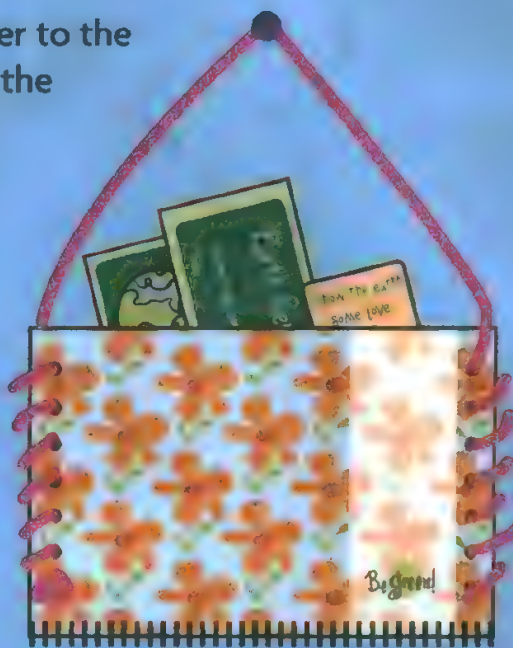
- Shred or punch the pages into confetti to tuck into a birthday card.





Wait! Don't throw out the cover of your planner. Flip it inside out to make a pretty pouch for storing paper scraps, notes, and great "green" ideas. Here's how:

- Turn the covers inside out so that the pattern shows.
- Use a hole punch to punch out the holes marked along the short edges of each cover.
- Cut a 3-foot-long piece of yarn, cord, or ribbon. Tie a knot on one end, making sure the knot is larger than the punched holes.
- Starting at the bottom of one edge, weave the yarn through the holes. Push the yarn through one hole, wrap it around the edge, and then push it through the next hole (as shown).
- When you reach the top hole, cross over to the top hole on the other edge. Don't pull the yarn too tightly. Leave enough slack to create a handle for your pouch.
- Weave the yarn down through the holes on the second edge. After you pull the yarn through the last hole, tie a knot, and trim the ends of the yarn.
- All done? Fill the pouch with special things and hang it in your locker or on your bulletin board.



Tell us how you used these earth-friendly ideas!

Send your thoughts to:

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